



WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN IRON COUNTY



*In 2018, Iron County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 978 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$23,460.**

*Using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$24.69 per hour from Independent Sector (independentsector.org).

FEATURED PROJECTS

Transform a school garden

Iron County Master Gardener Volunteers and 4-H members and volunteers converted several underutilized vegetable beds at the Hurley School garden into perennial pollinator beds. With Iron County's limited growing season most of the vegetable production takes place when students are not in school. By adding some perennial beds to the garden there will be a greater opportunity for educational programs during the school year.



Revitalize a trailhead

MGVs rehabilitated a neglected Iron Horse trailhead in Hurley. They pulled weeds and removed dead and dying shrubs. After planting new perennials and annuals, and mulching, they increased the curb appeal of the city of Hurley to the thousands of annual trail users visiting the area. They will continue to maintain the new plantings and work with the Chamber of Commerce to enhance the space over the next couple of years.

Create a pollinator haven

The Friends of the Miners Memorial Park and MGVs are developing pollinator gardens in an overgrown portion of the park. They are removing invasive plants and replanting with native wildflowers to attract a wide range of pollinators. They are specifically building habitat for monarch butterflies by planting several species of milkweed. They have enrolled the gardens in the National Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program to help researchers understand the health of our monarch butterfly populations.



The Master Gardener Program in Iron County started in 1999. Over 85 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 18 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Iron County

- Hurley School Garden
- Iron County Farmers' Market
- Western Gateway Trail
- Iron County Fair
- Montreal Memorial Park
- Norrie Park Community Garden
- Ironwood Pocket Park
- Wakefield Community Garden



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